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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Shih-yung Hsieh

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7 and 10-19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(B) as being anticipated by the Prior Art (applicant's Fig. 6).

Regarding claim 1, the Prior Art discloses an angle adjusting device comprising: a pivoting block (22) adapted to be pivotally connected between the two arms (11) of the bracket and connected to the transmission rod (30); and an adjusting bracket (32) movably connected to the pivoting block (Fig. 6) and adapted to connect to a distal end of the paddle (13) such that the movement of the adjusting bracket changes an angle of the paddle.

Regarding claim 8, the prior art discloses the claimed invention (Fig. 3).

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant's Prior Art in view of Hoshino (5,044,249).

Regarding claim 2, the prior art discloses the claimed invention except that the pivoting block has a through hole centrally defined in the pivoting block.

Hoshino teaches a rotating block having a through hole (the central hole the shaft 41 goes through) centrally defined in the block (Fig. 1) as a movable pulley assembly for actuating the cymbal operating rod. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the prior art's device as taught by Hoshino to include a through hole centrally defined in the pivoting block for the purpose of providing a movable pulley assembly for actuating the cymbal operating rod.

Regarding claim 9, the prior art discloses the claimed invention (Fig. 3).

5. Claims 3-7, and 10-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The claims are allowable over the prior art for at least the reason that the prior art fails to reasonably teach or suggest in claim 3 that the pivoting block has two tongues extending from an outer periphery of the pivoting block, an arcuate extension formed outside the pivoting block and a slot defined between the two tongues to be in communication with the through hole, in claims 4 and 5 that the adjusting bracket has two side plates each having a channel defined therein and a bottom plate integrally formed with distal ends of the two side plates and having a path defined in the bottom plate, as set forth in the claimed combination.


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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shih-yung Hsieh whose telephone number is 571-272-2065. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on 571-272-2107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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